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## COUNTY TO ASSIST APPLICANTS FOR ENERGY ASSISTANCE

JOSHUA TREE – San Bernardino County Officials will be available Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Joshua Tree to assist qualified applicants in determining their eligibility and filling out required paperwork in order to receive limited assistance with energy costs.

San Bernardino First District County Supervisor Bill Postmus recently directed that the opportunity, called an "Energy Assistance Outreach," be made available to citizens in his Supervisorial district.

During a recent press briefing, Supervisor Postmus, along with representatives from the County Departments of Community Services, Aging and Adult Services, and Economic and Community Development, outlined programs that can provide temporary and limited assistance to those who qualify based on income, residency and other factors. These departments will be represented as well as staff from Supervisor Postmus' office.

Although some of the services are only a "quick fix," - stepping in to pay a utility bill in a "one-time-only" crisis situation - some, like weatherization programs, are longer term. The Outreach will provide a "one-stop" setting to inquire about and apply for services.

"The people most affected by the utility rate increases are seniors on fixed incomes and the working poor," Postmus said. "In the last several weeks my office has helped more than 500 of these most affected people apply for assistance with their energy bills."

The Outreach will be held at the Joshua Tree Community Center located at 6171 Sunburst. For more information call Supervisor Postmus' Office at (760) 843-2760.